This is Written in

PLAINNESSE OF HEART,

and Bowels of Everlasting love to my

PERSECUTORS,

WHO HAVE

Shot Sore at me, and hated me without a cause.

Both Magistrates, Priests and People in *Stafford* Sheir, or elsewhere, that ye all may be turned from the Darkness to the Light, and from Antichrist without, unto Christ within, who is the Light of the World, and hath lighted every man therein with his saving Light.

Some Querys also, for such who call themselves Ministers of Christ, but are altogether unlike him, or his Ministers to Answer.

Together with a Warning from the Lord God of Life and Power to Repent, and leave Persecuting, and striving against, or kicking against the Lord.

Written from one who have been in the Pit, Death, Grave, and Hell; But am come from Far, and am sit down with *Abraham*, *Isaack*, and *Jacob*, in the Heavenly places with them that are in Christ, but unknown to you, I am: But by the Name I received amongst you, *HUMPHRY WOLLRICH.*

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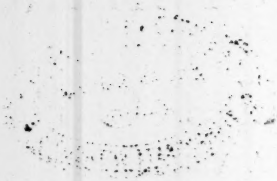
2 Cor. 3. 6. *God hath made us able Ministers of the New Testament, not of the Letter, which kills, but of the Spirit which gives Life.*

Printed for *Robert Wilson*, at the signe of the Black-spread-Eagle and wind-Mill in *Martins*-lane near *Aldersgate*.



COme all ye Magiſtrates, Rulers and Officers in *Stafford*, which are ſworn to do Juſtice, and execute Judgement, and lay the ſword upon the neck of the Wicked, and to be a terrour to Evil doers, and a ſtrength and a praiſe to them that do Well. Come all to the Light, where in Chriſt, who is the True Light, hath enlightned you with, and ſo you ſhall ſee the Evil doer, deceiver and ſeducer, which [illegible] to ſinne, iniquity, and trangreſſion, nearer you than you were aware; even he which reignes and rules in *Stafford*, and leads the Inhabitants thereof into Swaring, Lying, and Drunkeneſſe: ſo that your being Chriſtians is onely in words, ye being dead in your treſpaſſes and ſinnes, and the God of the World having blinded the eye by which the Lord hath ſaid he will guide, and lead his people into all Truth, out of all iniquity, tranſgreſſion, and ſinne, which the Inhabitants of *Stafford* abounds withall, and yet have covered themſelves with a Profeſſion, and have got the Prophets words, and Chriſts words, but are inwardly ravened, and caſt the Law of the Lord behind them, which is Light, and have reiected the Word of the Lord, which is nigh them in their hearts, *Rom.* 10. 8. And this is the Word that opens the blinde Eye, and is immortal and unchangeable, and is like a fire, and like a hammer. Sinke down and ye ſhall feel it ſo, and this is it which was before the Bible was, which your falſe Teacher tells you is the Word of the Lord, and opens the blinde Eye; and this is the Word which was before the World was, whom the Jewes, which had the Words, Slew, and Crucified; and this is falſe Doctrine: for *David* prayed the Lord that he would open his eyes, *Pſalm.* 119. 18. and *Pſal.* 146. 8. The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind, the Lord raiſeth them that are bowed down, and looſeth the bonds of the priſoner, *Iſaiah* 42. 6, 7. where you may read, That it is onely the work of Chriſt, to open the blinde Eyes, and to bring out the Priſoners from the priſon, and them that ſit in Darkneſſe out of the Priſon houſe: And this is he which commands the Conſciences of men which love him, and the Condemnation of all that hate him, and rebell againſt

him, and not the Bible as your blinde Guide tells you. And why will you be so blinde as to look upon me as an evil Doer, who was moved of the Lord to question this Doctrine, that poor ignorant people, who are in their sinnes might be deceived no longer; and the Lord God Almighty is my witnesse, and the testimony of the Lord stands sure, and shall witnesse for me in you all, that I do not this wickedly or maliciously, nor in stubbornnesse either against Magistrate or Minister, but in obedience to the Lord, and that people which lie in darknesse might be turned to the light, from the power of Satan unto God? and why will you call this delusion, or a deluding Spirit, that causeth Drunkards to leave off their drunkenesse, and become sober and temperate, and Swarers to leave their swaring, and Lyars to speak the truth; and in the power of the Lord God, I warne you all to consider what is my transgression or sinne amongst you, for which I have been imprisoned eight or nine times in *Stafford?* Which of you have I caused, that was sober, to become a drunkard? or what Countenancers have I been of lyars, swearers, and mockers there amongst you? I say, Is it for any of these things for which I have been so often imprisoned? or have I not suffered for bearing a testimony against these things which *Stafford* doth abound with, notwithstanding all their Professions? And is not your Markets, which I have been moved of the Lord to speak in, and to cry out against these things, yet abounding with Swearers and Drunkards, which go reeling up and down the streets unpunished? neither are they looked upon as deceivers, or deceived; neither are they counted a disturbance, or troublers of your Israel. And how doth your Steeple-houses abound, and your Church made up of such as these, which professe Christ in words, but have lost the Life, and are altogether unlike Christ, or Christians, and to every good word, and work, are reprobates? and by such as these are we persecuted, and abused, who have lost both form and power of godlinesse, and are enemies to the life of Christ, which they in words professe; therefore the Lord God Almighty hath raised up many witnesse, and in his Life and

Spirit,

Spirit, and by the Power of the Lord are they led to bare a teſtimony againſt all your falſe Teachers which are run, and God never ſent them; and have cryed, the Lord ſaith it unto you, when the Lord hath not ſpoken to them, but are theeves and robbers, and are climed up another way than by Chriſt, the Door: and ſo are become theeves and robbers, and have ſtolne Chriſts words, and the Apoſtles words, and are condemning the Jewes for Crucifying Chriſt, but themſelves are Crucifying him again, and impriſoning, perſecuting, and ſtoning them in whom he is made manifeſt: and ſo are you like the Jewes, and your Prieſts have no other weapons, nor no other ſword to cut down Hereticks withall, but priſons, clubs, and ſtaffes, which are Carnall, as the High Prieſts weapons were, and not Spiritual, as *Pauls* was: and the Jewes which had the Prophets words, and thought to have Eternal Life therein, were Condemning their Fathers for killing the Prophets; but they would not come to Chriſt, who is the Light of the World, that they might have Life, who was the end of all the Prophets, and the life of all the Prophets, him they Crucified as a Deceiver and Blaſphemer, and prince of Devils: Therefore in the fear of the Lord God, I warne you all. Take heed what you doe, or how you reſiſt, and withſtand the work of the Lord, which is a marvellous work, and a wonder; and is begun among you, though you have not an Ear to hear, nor an Eye to ſee, (who are gone from the Light of the Lord in you) nor an Heart to underſtand unto this day. But why do the Heathens rage, and the People imagine a vain thing; and have ſaid in their hearts, this man ſhall not reign over them, whoſe right it is to reigne?

But in vain do you ſtrive againſt your Maker, or againſt his Servant whom he ſends, who hath ſought nothing but your Souls welfare, and that you might come to know your Souls Shepherd, and be gathered into the one ſheep-fold, from all falſe Shepherds, which have lived in eaſe and pleaſure; which have eaten the fat, and clothed themſelves with the wool, but have not watched for the ſoul, as they

that must give an account for them, nor cared for the sheep, but they have been blind leaders of the blind; and they have not turned you to the Light, which is the Eye, which the god of the world hath blinded, lest you should see them to be deceivers, as they are: Read *Ezek.* 34. 3, 4, to the 13 verse. *John* 10. 1. verse to the 15.

And to you, and your Teachers, who are opposing the work of the Lord: to you all, This is the word of the Lord God, ye are as nothing before him; and all your strength is but weakness, and as a tottering wall, and our Shield is departed from you; and he is risen like a Valiant man, and his appearance is terrible as an Army with Banners; and he will Overturn, Overturn, Overturn you all, untill he reign, whose right it is: And the Lord God Almighty is risen against all Persecutors, to destroy them, and confound them, unless they repent, and be warned, and agree with their Adversary, while he is in the way: be ye wise, and instructed in love to your soules, I warn you all; and kisse the Sonne lest he be angry, and brake you with his Iron Rod like a potters vessell, and tear you in pieces like a Lyon, and there be none to deliver you. And I warn you all, Follow not these Teachers, nor own them to be your Guides, which are ashamed to give an Answer of what they Preach in publick, but run away as the hireling in Christs time did, when they see him come whom they call a Wolfe. Let your Teacher, (if he be a Minister of Christ) I charge him, in the Powre of the Lord, never to preach that to the people, which he is ashamed of before them: And before the Lord God I warn him, or any of them who preach for Hire, and say the Scripture is their Rule, and accuse us for denying of it, to Answer these Queres:

I. Whether the Ministers of Christ, who wrestled not with Flesh and Blood, did ever use Carnall weapons to defend the Truth withall? Or whether they did ever imprison, or tortour the bodies of those which are called Hereticks, and so destroy the Handy-work of God? Or whether

ther they which fought the Good Fight, did not uſe the Sword of the Spirit onely, which is the Word of God, and proceeds out of the mouth of the Lamb? Or, whether theſe be not your Mothers weapons, the Church of *Rome*, which ye are crying (Whore) againſt? Come, anſwer ye Prieſts, and ye Orthodox men, and Originall men, who have loſt the true Original, and gone from the Spirit of truth, which gave forth the Scriptures, theſe Queres which are plain honeſt things.

Whether you have any better weapons than the High Prieſts had, which Crucified Chriſt; or the Beaſt Antichriſt, and the falſe Prophet which ye read of in the *Revelations* had, which made war with the Lamb and the Saints, and ſlew them which kept the teſtimony of Jeſus, and the Word of God? whether you do not fight the bad fight, as the falſe Teachers, whoſe weapons were Carnall in all Ages did; by which weapons your Church, and your Mother Church of *Rome*, have ſtrengthned themſelves, and do ſtrengthen themſelves to this very day? Is this to fight the Good Fight, and to wraſtle with that wicked Spirit which hath captivated the Seed, and the handy-work of God?

II. Whether Hebrew, Greek and Latine be the Originall, by which people muſt know the Scriptures, ſeeing they that had your Original, did Crucifie Chriſt, the true Original; and did erre, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the Power of God? Come, anſwer theſe Queres, or elſe ſtop your mouthes for ever.

III. Whether the Scriptures, or the Bible, be the Word of God? or, whether Chriſt be not the Word of God, which was before the Bible was? or, whether this be not the Living Word, which was as a Light, and a Lanthern to his feet; and which *David* hid in heart, and walked in the Light thereof, that kept him from ſinning againſt the Lord? and whether they which had the Scripture have not ſtill proved the greateſt Enemies to Chriſt? and whether he, who was the immortall, eternall, and unchangeable Word, did abide in them?

IV. Whether the Bible be the Rule and Guide for Saints

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to walk by, as ye preach it in your Pulpits to be? or, whether all that are the Sonnes of God, have not in all Ages been ruled, guided, by the Spirit of God?

V. Come, Answer ye Priests: What is the Judge of the Spirits? whether the Bible be the Judge of the Spirits, or the Anointing which we have received from the Holy One, by which we must Judge, and try all things? and whether people must come to the Scripture, which is the Bible; or to Christ within, to whom all Judgement is committed?

VI. Whether Christ be the True Light that enlightneth every man? and whether this Light, being obeyed, and followed, and taken heed too, be not sufficient of it self to Salve man, and Redeeme man out of all sinne and iniquity; and purifie his heart, and create in man a clean heart, as God is clean, and to preserve and keep clean in this present evill world? Come, Answer all, ye deceivers, which say, none can be perfect in this Life: tell the people plainly by answering these Queres, whether ye are not the Children of your Mother, the Church of *Rome*, which do believe in a Purgatory between Heaven and this Life, seeing you tell them they cannot be free from sinne while they live here, and no unclean thing can enter into the Kingdome of God?

VII. Whether you be Ministers of Christ, or Enemies to Christ, who are of this Belief, that none can be perfect and free from sinne? seeing *Paul* saith, *Ephes.* 4. 11, 12. The work of the Ministry was for the perfecting of the Saints.

VIII. Whether your Preaching and Praying against all Sinne, be not sinne, seeing ye Preach and Pray for that which you beleeve can never be? and whether all thats not of Faith, be not Sinne?

IX. Whether you do not make, and in effect say, Satan is stronger to keep man in Sinne, than Christ, who came to destroy Sinne, and to Redeem man out of all Sinne?

X. Whether you do not make God a hard Task-master, and

and charge him wickedly, and make his commands grievous to your Hearers? seeing God commands men to be Holy, as he is Holy; and Pure, as he is Pure: and *John* saith his commands are not grievous.

XI. Whether you are not the false teachers that *Peter* speaks of, 2 *Pet.* 2. which have forsaken Christ, the right way, and run greedily in the way of *Balaam*, after great Benefices and Rewards? and your selves being gone out of the way, cannot cease from sinne, and tell people they cannot cease from sinne also; and so all being gone out of the Councell of God, can never profit the people, but are in the spirit of Errour, and are clothed with the Saints words, and Sheeps clothing, but are inwardly ravened, and erred in your hearts from the Spirit of the Lord: And whether such who hear you, and learn of you, are not they which are ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the Truth, which is Christ; which he thats in sinneth not.

XII. Whether the knowledge of sin comes by the Bible to any man? or, what that Law was which *Paul* came to the knowledge of sinne by, seeing he had the Letter, while he was alive without this Law?

XIII. Whether Revelation be now ceased with any but such as ye are, which are in the way of *Balaam*, and gone from the spirit by which the things of God are reveal'd? Answer this, ye false teachers that say Revelation is ceased, and that the voice of Christ is not heard but in the Letter of the Scripture: seeing the Letter saith, *John* 10. My sheep hear my voice. And they that had the Scriptures had neither heard his Voice, nor seen his shape at any time.

XIV. Whether any can come to the knowledge of sinne, but by the light within? and whether this Light be not able of it self alone, to bring man to the knowledge of God? and whether by any other thing but by the light which shines in the heart, man doth come to the knowledge of God?, and whether this be sufficient alone to Save man, and redeem him out of all sinne in this life, and keep him pure, as Christ is pure?

XV. Whether the Bible doth open the blind eye, seeing the Bible saith, Christ was sent to open the blind eyes? whether the Bible doth command the Conscience of man, as *Noah Bryan* did affirme in your Idoll Temple at *Stafford*? or, whether the Light of Christ in the Conscience doth not exercise and command the Conscience?

XVI. What is the Law spoken of, *Isaiah* 8. and the Testimony? whether it be the Bible? Come, answer what it is, and where it is? whether it be a thing without, or within man?

XVII. Where is that Righteousnesse by which man is Justified? Is it within man, and in his heart? or, was it Christs Righteousnesse at *Jerusalem* onely, which fulfilled the Law? or, whether the Righteousnesse of the Law must not be fulfilled in man in this generation?

XVIII. Whether Christ were not the same before the World, or Virgin *Mary* was, as he was in the dayes of the Jewes; and his body the same which descended, with that which ascended? and whether any other body did ascend into Heaven, but the body which is Spiritual, and the only begotten of the Spirit, and was never seen with any carnall Eye?

Come all ye Priests, and you which call your selves Ministers of Christ, do not think to hide your selves any longer, or save your selves in this day of the Lords mighty power, by persecuting and imprisoning us whom the Lord God hath raised up to bear a testimony against you all: and this is not your way to save your selves from the overflowing scourge that is coming upon you all: But come down to the Light of Christ in you, and honestly consider, and ye shall see, and confesse that ye are not Ministers of Christ, neither do ye speak as the Spirit gives you utterance; neither are you Ministers of the Spirit as they were, but of the Letter which Kills.

If this be confessed, and owned amongst you, then you need not answer these Queres: But if you will not confesse to the Lord, and owne your shame, and all your Worships

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which is taught you but by the precepts of men, then anſwer theſe which follow:

I. Where did the Miniſters of Chriſt hire themſelves for ſo much a year, or make a bargain with the people, either for leſſe or more? or, whether their Miniſtry was not freely given them of the Lord? and whether they were not freely to give it others? or, whether that be Gods gift which ye buy at *Oxford* for ſo much Money, and learn in ſo long a time, and ſell it again in the Country for ſo much by the hour glaſſe?

II. Whether the Miniſters of Chriſt, who were led by the Spirit of Chriſt, which was never limited by an hour glaſſe? whether they did ſtudy in the week day, or invent, or ſpeak a divination of their own brain to the the people, when they were met together? or, whether they did not ſpeak as the Spirit gave them utterance?

Again, where did the Miniſters of Chriſt teach people to ſing *Davids* Pſalmes with another heart than *David* had? or give *Davids* Pſalmes to a company of mockers, ſcorners, and perſecutors? and whether *David* be not made the Song of the Drunkards by you now as ever he was?

III. Where did the Miniſters of Chriſt ever ſprinkle Infants, and tell poor ignorant people it was an Ordinance of God? You which ſay the Scripture is your Rule, Anſwer, and ſhew ſome Scripture for theſe things.

IV. Where do you ever read, That the Miniſters of Chriſt did ever impriſon, perſecute, or ſue any man for filthy lucre as ye do.

V. Whether you are not thoſe falſe Teachers, and antichriſts, and falſe Chriſts which Chriſt, *Mat.* 24. ſaid ſhould come in the laſt times; and *John*, who was one of his Apoſtles, in his Epiſtle ſaid were come already? and whether *John* was not in the Light, and they went out from him in the way of *Balaam*, and for filthy lucre ſake? and

whether it be not one thouſand ſix hundred years agoe ſince *John* in the *Revelations* ſaid, all the world went out after them, and wondered and ſaid, who was able to make Warre with the Beaſt, which made warre with the Lamb, and ſlew the Saints which kept the teſtimony of Jeſus? Come, anſwer whether you are not of this Church? and whether your weapons be ſuch as proceed out of the mouth of the Lamb, or ſuch as they uſed who made warre with the Lamb, and ſlew, and caſt ſome of the Saints into Priſon?

VI. If your Church be true, then Anſwer, Where did the Church of Chriſt appoint one, and onely one to ſpeak at a ſet-time, and count it diſorder for any for any to ſpeak beſides him which ſtands in the high place? or whether, if any thing were revealed to another that ſtood by the firſt, ought not to hold his peace? whether this was ever counted confuſion and diſorder, by ſuch who were the true Church, and had the Spirit of God; or by the falſe Church onely, who were gone from the Spirit of the Lord; and to whom Revealation is ceaſed?

VII. Whether all, who walk not contrary to the Scripture, as ye doe in theſe things, and abide not in the Doctrine of Chriſt, have either the Father, or the Son? and whether ſuch can Miniſter Chriſt, who have him not revealed in themſelves?

VIII. Whether your Praying, Singing, and Preaching, and all your Ordinances, and Sacrifices be not ſinne? and all your Incenſe, as if you bleſt an Idol; or ſlew a man; and offered ſwines fleſh, which is abomination to the Lord? and whether ſwines fleſh, and harlots fleſh be not the ſame as ever it was?

Come all you people of what ſort or opinion ſoever you be. Come all you Independants, Baptiſts, and Separatiſts of what Body or Church ſoever, who are not acted, guided, and led by the Pure, Eternall, Unchangeable light of Chriſt in your Conſciences, the Church of the Firſt-born, which is in God, you know

know not, nor the generall Aſſembly, whoſe Names are written in Heaven ye are not yet come too, but ye are all of the Synagogue of Satan, and the God of the world hath blinded the eye which is the Light, which ſhould lead you to deſcern the Body, which is the Church; and my bowels are yerning, and my love is iſſuing out towards you all; and by the power of the Lord, and in the Maieſty of the Lord I am conſtrained to deal plainly with you all, and to wound you all, and to heal the hurt of none ſlightly, as your falſe Teachers have long done; who have daubed with untempered morter, and ſpoken peace to the wicked; who have not wounded the head of the wicked, nor the hairy ſcalpe of ſuch as hath been found in rebellion againſt the Lord; and have laid a foundation, but have not taken away the rubbiſh in which the book of the Law hath been hid, and is hid in you, whom the God of the world hath blinded the eye which ſhould ſee him, who is inviſible, and the true foundation and everlaſting arme which is underneath, upon which all the generation of the Righteous did build; but you are building the New houſe on your Old foundation; and you are garniſhing the Sepulchre of the dead, and you are clothing your ſelves with the white raiment, and ſetting a goodly Miter upon your heads, but the filthy ragges, and rotten ragges, and filthy garment is yet over *Joſhua* the High Prieſt; and he is ſlain, and the world, and the foundations thereof, and the Pillars thereof are ſet upon him; and the great Myſtery hid from you all, which is Chriſt within, the hope of Glory. And you are all in the Darkneſſe, and out of the Light, which makes manifeſt Darkneſſe, and the Light ſhines in the darkneſſe. And you who are in the darkneſſe, by the children of Light are comprehended, and by him which is Judged of no man, nor careth not for mans Judgement, are you all Judged, and Condemned,

but the Light your ſelves cannot comprehend who are in the darkneſſe.

Therefore all come down into the deep, that you may ſee the wonderous workes of the Lord in the great waters; and that ye may be drawn out of the waters, upon which the Whore ſitteth, which waters have gone over, and are over your heads; (read within, Chriſt the Head of every man) ſtand ſtill awhile, that you may ſee the Salvation of the Lord, and his his power riſe in you, and his arme bring forth Salvation for you; and the Sea ſhall be dried up, and the tongue of the *Egyptian* ſhall be ſmitten in the ſeven ſtreams, and the foundations of the World ſhall be diſcovered, and the Channells of the Sea ſhall be ſeene, and he ſhall be known; and what manner of man he is that rebukes the Windes, and the Sea obey him, and the ſwadling Band you ſhall know which binds and ſhuts up the Sea as with doores: and ſaith to the proud, and raging Waves thereof, hitherto ſhalt thou goe, and no further. This is our God whom we have been looking for; this is the Living which we have been ſeeking amongſt the dead: he it is which was in this place, and we knew it not; we will be gald, and reioyce in his day.

This is day of the Lords might power, this is the Day of the Lambs Marriage, and the Supper of the great King, and the day of the Lords Controverſie, with all his Enemies which are gathered together with *Gog* and *Magog*, as the ſands of the Sea; and are perſecuting, impriſoning the Saints, and compaſſing about the beloved City, and the fire of the Lord is coming out of Heaven to deſtroy you all. And the Lyon is come out of the Thicket, and the deſtroyer of the Gentiles is on his way, and the ſword of the Lord is drawne and made reddy for the ſlaughter, and the

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ſlain of the Lord ſhall be many, and made drunk with the blood of Bulls, Rams, and Goats. Oh that you would be wiſe! Oh that you would underſtand this! that you would conſider your latter end! but you are a people voide of Councell; neither is there any underſtanding in you, for ye have reiected the pure, eternall, and immortall Word of the Lord, and behinde your backs ye have caſt it, and you have lightly eſteemed, and counted the Light, which is the rock of Ages, as a low thing; and ye have ſtumbled at the ſtumbling ſtone, and the rock that begets, hath been lightly eſteemed by you, who are wiſe in your own eyes, and prudent in your own conceits; and ye have reiected the Law of the Lord, and the word of love, and what wiſdome is there in you? and the light by you, wherewith Chriſt hath enlightned every man to you who are high in profeſſions, and above the doer, it is become fooliſhneſſe, though it be the tryed Stone, the Corner Stone, and the Foundation Stone, and to us that have tryed him, and beleeve in him, he is precious; but to you who are wiſe, as I ſaid before, this is too low a thing for you to tell you of (that) which ſmiteth you in your Conſciences, and checketh you, reproveth you in ſecret: this ſay you, who are in your ſinnes, and pleading for ſinne, and ſaying none can be without ſinne while they live; this ſay you, we knew long ſince. To thee I ſay, whoever thou art, thou kneweſt thy Condemnation then; for had not he come a light into the World, thou hadſt had no ſinne: wherefore now thou haſt no cloak for thy ſinne. But I ſay, hadſt thou come down when thou firſt knew this thing, and turned at the reproof of the Lord, when he firſt ſmote thee, and made thee to ſtart, and perſued thee in the hinder parts, when thy heart was Adulterated, and went a whoring from the Lord. I ſay, hadſt thou then come down, and waited in the Light of the

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Lord which ſmote thee, thou wouldeſt have found, and felt the Power of the Lord, which is the Word of the Lord, ariſen in thee like a fire, and like a hammer, even the word within the Vaile would have deſtroyed the covering which hath been over all Nations, and rent the Vaile which hath been over all people, and is yet over you; and when the Scriptures you read, with all your Originall, as Hebrew, Greek, and Latine, you cannot underſtand becauſe the Vaile is over your heart; and Chriſt, the hope of Glory is entred within the Vaile, which ſhould condemne ſinne, and finiſh tranſgreſſion, and deſtroy him which hath the power of death, which is the Devill, and bring in everlaſting Righteouſneſſe.

And this Righteouſneſſe are you ignorant of, and in your owne you are, which is as filthy ragges, and it doth not ſet you free from ſinne, becauſe it is ſinne; and ſo you being all gone out of the way, which is Chriſt within, Gods Righteouſneſſe: you cannot ceaſe from ſinne, and ſo your Prayers are ſinne, and your ſtriving, ſeeking, and knocking is ſinne, becauſe you are ſtriving, and ſeeking amiſſe; and ſo though thou take unto thee water, and waſh thee with never ſo much Sope, yet thine iniquity, and thy Righteouſneſſe is marked, and all one before the Lord. Therefore in the bowels of love I Exhort you all, and in the power and dread of the Lord, I warne you all to come down to the manifeſtation of the Spirit of God, and unto the Light of God, and Grace of God, which hath appeared to all men; and freely given from the Lord, and is the Lords Tallent, and the Lords gift, which is perfect, and pure, as God is pure, and unchangeable, and varies not, and is freely given to every man to profit withall.

I ſay to this, come down, if ever you expect Salvation;

vation; feel it, and wait in it, which is meek, and low of heart: for untill this be done, namely, to see the Light separated from the darkneſſe, and the Precious from the Vile, you ſhall never be as Gods mouth, and all your Teachers, who are gone from this, are out of Gods Counſell, and ſhall never profit the people; and all ye Profeſſors, of what Sect ſoever, or of what Opinion ſoever, who are gone from this, you are them, which are not Sonnes of God, being not led by this ſpirit of God, which he hath given to every man to profit withall; and the price is in the hand of the fool, and you are the unprofitable ſervants which hide your Lords Tallent, and muſt be caſt into utter darkneſſe, where the worme dieth not, and the fire goeth not out, but where there is wailing, weeping, and gnaſhing of teeth; and where the Fire of the Lord ſhall conſume and burn for ever, and the Breath of the Lord as a ſtream of Brimſtone, doth blow it up, and kindle it.

I ſay again to you all, Come downe out of all your owne wiſdome, and own your ſhame, and ſit in the duſt before the Lord: if ſo be there may be but hope, and this is hard for you who are rich, and wiſe, to become fooles for Chriſt, that ye may feel, and know the Spirit of the Lord, which is the Spirit of Truth, from the lying ſpirit, which is of the World, and leads from the Lord into the World, and hides the Seed, to which all the Promiſes are, and vailes the Pure, which is not of this World, nor its Kingdome, Power, nor Glory is not of this World: And this is he which you cannot believe in, who are in the friendſhip and love of the world, worſhipping, and honouring, and receiving honour one of another; in him you cannot believe, who receives not honour of men.

Nevertheleſſe to him you muſt come, and to him you

muſt bow; and whoſe Image hath been marred in you, and hath bowed down, and hath been ſlaine ſince the world was ſet in mans heart, and this is the gate, and the door by which the Sheep enter: and this is the Soules Anchor, which anchors up the Immortall Soul to God: And this is the Shepherd of the ſheep, and hath laid down his Life for the ſheep, and they hear his Voice, and follow him through great tribulation; and in the Regeneration, they are waſhing their Robes, and making them white in the Bloud of the Lamb. And unleſſe to him you come out of all your own thoughts, reaſonings, and imaginations, and take him for your rule and guide to to walk by, you ſhall never know the peace which is upon the Iſrael of God: And all ye that kindle a fire, and walk in the light of the ſparks which your ſelves have kindled, ye ſhall all lie down in ſorrow, ſaith the Lord God.

But Peace upon all, and Joy upon all who walke in the light of the Lord, and are led by the Spirit of the Lord, who leadeth out of ſinne and iniquity which ye all lie in, in the way of Righteouſneſſe, Holineſſe, and Purity, which becomes his houſe for evermore. And oh that thou hadſt hearkned unto me, ſaith the Lord! then had thy Peace been like a River, and thy Righteouſneſſe like the Waves of the Sea; the Seed, the light to which all the Promiſes are, had been as the Starres in the Firmament; and the Offſpring of thy Bowels, like the ſands of the Sea-ſhore, innumerable! Oh that you had taken heed to the light which ye call a low thing, I would ſoon have ſubdued your enemies under you, and turned my hand againſt all them that hated you; he would have fed you alſo with the fineſt of the Wheat, and with honey out of the Rock would he have ſatisfied you! but you would not hearken to my Voice, ſaith the Lord, which ſmote you, and reproved you upon

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your beds: ſo the Lord hath given many of you over to your ſinnes, and over to your hearts luſts, to ſee what you will do in the latter end. And Wiſdome hath uttered her voice in the ſtreets, ſaying, Turne in, for I have mingled my Wine, I have ſlaine my Fatlings, I have furniſhed my Table, and all things are ready, and he hath long ſtood at the door and knockt; and hath long waited upon you all, that he might be gracious; and I am a witneſſe for the Lord againſt you all, that he hath rather deſired your return, than your ruine: and the Lord hath long ſtriven with you, and his compaſſions have been great, and exceeding large towards his dwelling houſe, in ſending to you his Meſſengers, time after time, and day after day: But ye have whiped, ſtoned, impriſoned, and perſecuted them, by whom the Lord would have healed you; but ye have choſen your own wayes, and ye have delighted in that, and lived in that, and been led and taught by that by which the ſoul of the Righteous hath been grieved, and made ſad among you. And what will ye do in the day of the Lords Controverſie, which is near at hand, and coming upon you all as a ſweeping raine, that leaveth no food, and as a mighty tempeſt againſt the World, is the Lord God riſing, and ye ſhall feel his Spirit, which ye have grieved long, ſhall not alwayes ſtrive with you? And though the Lord hath long waited to be mercifull and gracious unto you, I ſay, though he hath been long ſtill, and refrained himſelfe, and ye have thought he had been altogether ſuch an one as your ſelves; and becauſe ſentence hath not been ſpeedily executed upon you, and becauſe he hath reſtrained his Anger, and hath not ſtirred up all his Wrath againſt you; who are an Hypocriticall Nation, and Children, in whom there is no truth, which have dealt deceitfully, and treacherouſly with the Lord for all his loving kindneſſe, as treacherous *Judah* did. Yet the Lord will reprove you for all your iniquities, and ſet

them in order before you: even he that hath long time been ſtill, and refrained himſelf, will now ariſe, like a Travelling Woman he will deſtroy, and devour at once; and I am troubled for you all, my Country-men, for there's cauſe of a Lamentation, when I weigh, and conſider your ſad and wofull eſtate, my heart is troubled for you all, how you have covered your ſelves with the Saints words, Prophets words, Chriſts and the Apoſtles words, but are out of that life, purity, and holineſſe, which they lived in, which becomes the houſe of God for evermore. And how ye are clothed, and how your Teachers are clothed, and are like the ſheep, and onely like them, but are inwardly ravened from the light, and Spirit of the Lord, and ſubſtance which they were in, which was Chriſt in them, the hope of Glory: and I am troubled for you all, and my heart is grieved for the place of my Nativity, and I can but ſeek the welfare of all the Iſrael of God that are among you: For which, I am but looked upon as to be your enemy, and a diſquieter and troubler of your Iſrael. And how many falſe Teachers, and baſtards, and falſe Profeſſors, and falſe Chriſtians, that have Chriſt only in words, as the Jewes had, which ſlew him, and ſaid, had they lived in the dayes of their Fathers, they would not have ſlaine the Prophets? How many of theſe have riſen up againſt me in this Nation, and in my own Country, like *Sanballet* and *Tobiah*, have riſen up againſt me with priſons and ſtones, and the Jewes weapons which Crucified Chriſt, to villifie me, as they did *Nehemiah*, that they might cauſe the work of the Lord to ceaſe? And how do they rage, and do plainly declare, by their perſecution, and are grieved at their very hearts, that there is one left to ſeek the welfare of his Country-men?

And I lay it upon you all, and in the power of the Lord God I charge you all conſider, and lay it to heart, before it be too late, and hid from your eyes what kind of Miniſters you have, and whether they are Miniſters of the Letter which kils, or of the Spirit that gives life, 2 *Cor.* 3. 6.

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Whether Miniſters of Chriſt, whoſe Weapons were never carnall, as clubs, or priſons; or Miniſters of Antichriſt, whoſe weapons were not ſpiritual, but carnal, as the Popes, and Presbyterians, and their Miniſters weapons are, which are impriſoning, and in all Ages did impriſon, and ſlay the Saints, and ſuch as could not ioyn with the Idolaters, nor worſhip in their Maſſe-houſes, nor Idol Temples, but kept the teſtimony of Jeſus, and the Word of God? And all ye Magiſtrates in the Nation, I charge you all in the Power of the Lord, conſider what you do, and how you do perſecute, or lay the ſword upon them as evill doers, who are moved of the Lord to come to bear a teſtimony againſt all your Idol Temples, Teachers, and their Worſhip; or to ſpeak a few words unto you in the name and Power of the Lord, to turn you from darkneſs unto light, from the power of Satan unto God. And if you do but read the Scripture which ye ſay is your Rule, you ſhall find, that this was the practice of Chriſt, to go into their Synagouges and Temple, and to preach in the Villages, Streets and Markets, as we do; for which they were counted diſturbers by many, yea, by almoſt all, the chief Prieſts that ſaid they were wiſe, and ſuch as were as learned, and had the Hebrew, Greek and Latine, and had the Scriptures, the Prophets words, as your falſe Teachers, who are inwardly ravened from the two Original of the Scriptures, which is the Spirit from whence the Scripture did proceed: theſe have Chriſts words, and the Apoſtles words, but are perſecuting us, who are led by the Spirit, which the Sons of God in all Ages, and Chriſt, and his Apoſtles were led by, and we are in the ſame life, and found in the ſame practice, for which we are perſecuted as deceivers, and ſeducers, as they were: and we read, when the Apoſtles came into their Synagouges, the Ruler thereof was not like many of you, who give a charge to your Officers to pull us out; but they ſaid unto them, If ye have any word of Exhortation for the people, ſay on.

And what is our tranſgreſſion? and what is our ſin? is

it not the ſame which the Apoſtles, and Chriſt was found in, which was to reprove ſinne in the gate, to lay the Axe to the Root? and the ſword of the Spirit did they draw againſt all Hypocrites, painted graves, and ſepulchers, who were inwardly full of all manner of wickedneſſe, as ye are in *Stafford*-ſhire. For which my life doth ſuffer, and bears a teſtimony againſt you all, who have a Name to live, but are dead, and who call your ſelves Jewes, and Chriſtians, but are fill'd with all manner of wickedneſſe, and are out of the *Lambs* nature, and childes nature, and ſo are of the ſynagouge of Satan; and your Goals, and your Officers houſes, which call themſelves Chriſtians, and us deceivers, wherein you have impriſoned me ten times, not for the breach of any *Law* of the Nation, but for crying out againſt Drunkeneſſe, and all manner of wickedneſſe, which in theſe Evil doers houſes do abound, which ſhould only, both them and their houſes, be for the puniſhment not of the Righteous, unto whom the *Law* was not added, but unto the Unrighteous, unto which it was.

The End.